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SUBJECT: VOLSPKR DANIEL BOORSTIN, LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS

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1. IN CONNECTION WITH INITIAL BOORSTIN REQUESTS AND POST PROPOSED PROGRAM (REFTEL D) POST HAD REQUESTED MEETINGS WITH NATIONAL TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION CENTER (NO RESPONSE YET), THE STATE CENTRAL LIBRARY (MEETING SET FOR NOV 24 WITH MRS POPESCU BRADICENI, DIRECTOR), THE STATE ARCHIVES (MEETING SET FOR NOV 25 WITH GENERAL ION GALL, DIRECTOR), AND THE ACADEMY OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (MEETING SET FOR NOV 29 WITH MIHNEA GHEORGHIU, PRESIDENT). MEETING WITH LETTER CAN PROBABLY BE CHANGED IF NECESSARY. THE DIRECTOR OF THE ROMANIAN ACADEMY (JEAN LEVESCU) IS ATTENDING UNESCOMETING IN KENYA UNTIL NOV 25. IF TIME PERMITS ON NOV 29 VISIT TO ACADEMY (HOSTIRCALLY ROMANIA'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS CULTURAL INSTITUTION) MIGHT BE OF PROFESSIONAL INTEREST TO BOORSTIN.

2. POST NOW REQUESTING MEETING WITH THE INSTITUTE OF HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL-POLITICAL STUDIES OF THE
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CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE ROMANIAN COMMUNIST PARTY.

POST CONSIDERS THIS ORGANIZATION SIGNIFICANT AND BOORSTIN VISIT MIGHT LEAD TO CLOSER COLLAOYRATION BETWEEN AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (PRIMARILY RESEARCH SCHOLARS) AND INSTITUTE.

3. VISITS WILL BE ARRANGED, WITHIN LIMITS OF TIME, WITH ONE OR TWO ARTISTS, OPERA POSSIBILITIES FOR NOV 25 BEING INVESTIGATED (NOVEMBER PROGRAM NOT YET SET).

4. REGARDING BOORSTIN'S DESIRES TO VISIT MOLDAVIA AND TO POSSIBLY TRAVEL VIA TRAIN TO BUDAPEST: A. COST OF MERCEDES WITH DRIVER FOR BUCHAREST-SUCEAVA-BUCHAREST TRIP IS 25 CENTS PER KILOMETER OR TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY DOLS 350. COST OF DRIVER FOR THREE DAYS IS DOLS 24. COST OF GUIDE FOR THREE DAYS IS DOLS 52.50. COST FOR BOORSTINS FOR ONE NIGHT IN HOTEL IN SUCEAVA AND ONE NIGHT IN MONASTERY AT SUCEAVA IS APPROXIMATELY DOLS 64. DRIVERS DO NOT DOUBLE AS GUIDES SO BOTH ARE NECESSARY. TOTAL COST THEREFORE IS APPROXIMATELY DOLS 466.50. P&C OFFICER PAMELA WHITE WOULD ACCOMPANY IF DESIRED AND MRS. WHITE'S EXPENSES (FOR WHICH SHE IS RESPONSIBLE) WOULD BE SEPARATE. COST OF CAR REMAINS THE SAME WHETHER CAR IS USED ONE-WAY OR ROUND-TRIP. ON POSSIBLE TRAIN CONNECTION THE FOLLOWING ARE AVAILABLE: SUCEAVA-CLUJ TRAIN NO 341 DEPARTING 0824 ARRIVING CLUJ AT 1505; OR TRAIN NO 345 DEPARTING SUCEAVA AT 2037 AND ARRIVING CLUJ AT 0336. BETWEEN CLUJ AND BUDAPEST THERE IS TRAIN NO 301 DEPARTING AT 0626 AND ARRIVING AT 1230. FIRST OPTION (TRAIN 341) SEEMS MOST REASONABLE BUT THIS WOULD INVOLVE ARRIVING IN CLUJ ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND SPENDING NIGHT IN CLUJ IN ORDER TO ARRIVE IN BUDAPEST ON MONDAY AFTERNOON. COST FOR TRAIN TRIP IS APPROXIMATELY DOLS 90.

4. DEPENDING ON BOORSTIN'S BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS THEREFORE EITHER ORIGINAL SCHEDULE OF BUCHAREST-CLUJ FLIGHT AFTERNOON OF 29TH OR TRAIN TRIP DESCRIBED ABOVE ARE POSSIBILITIES. PLEASE ADVISE BOORSTINS' DECISION CONCERNING MOLDAVIA ASAP SINCE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND SOME LOCAL MEETINGS DEPEND UNCLASSIFIED

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ON WHETHER DEPARTURE FOR BUDAPEST IS MADE FROM BUCHAREST OR CLUJ.

JG. BOORSTIN SCHEDULED FOR INFORMAL ROUND-TABLE IN AMERICAN LIBRARY AT 1800 ON NOV 24 ON TOPIC "THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY IN AMERICAN HISTORY". MEETING

(WHICH WILL INVOLVE CONSECUTIVE TRANSLATION) WOULD INCLUDE HISTORIANS, POLITICAL SCIENTISTS, SOCIOLOGISTS AND JOURNALISTS. LIBRARY DIRECTOR STEVE CHAPLIN (CONTROL OFFICER) WOULD HOST SUPPER FOLLOWING LIBRARY APPEARANCE. BOORSTINS INVITED TO 1400 INFORMAL LUNCHEON THANKSGIVING DAY IN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. OTHER GUESTS WILL INCLUDE AMERICAN EXCHANGEES.

7. AS AMBASSADOR MENTIONED, HE WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE BOORSTINS STAY AT RESIDENCE, SUBJECT TO PRIOR COMMITMENT THAT SECRETARY AND MRS' RICHARDSON WBQLD STAY THERE. RICHARDSON HOUSING PLANS HERE STILL NOT FIRM, BUT ASSUMING THEY STAY AT RESIDENCE, BOORSTINS WOULD BE ABLE TO MOVE TO RESIDENCE AFTER INITIAL NIGHTS AT HOTEL.

8. WOULD APPRECIATE-IF POSSIBLE- ONE OR TWO PARAGRAPH SUMMARY OF BOORSTIN'S APPROACH TO TOPIC HE HAS PROPOSED FOR AMERICAN LIBRARY ROUND-TABLE. THIS INFORMATION NECESSARY BOTH IN DETERMINING PARTICIPANTS AND IN ADVISING THEM BEFOREHAND.

9. POST WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL WHETHER MR. BOORSTIN PROPOSES TO DISCUSS INITIATION OR EXPANSION OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AGREEMENTS WITH NEW OR CURRENT ROMANIAN PARTNER INSTITUTIONS. BARNES

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